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(57) **Abstract:** This invention provides a molded three-dimensional insulator that is suitable for use in an end cone region of a pollution control device. The invention also provides a method of making the insulator. The insulator includes ceramic fibers that have a bulk shrinkage no greater than 10 weight percent. The ceramic fibers contain alumina and silica and are microcrystalline, crystalline, or a combination thereof.